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Marine Corps Combat Development Command

Doctrine Division

Command Brief



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The Quest of Marine Corps Doctrine

General
A.A.
Vandegrift

“Despite its outstanding record as a combat force in the past war, the Marine Corps’ far greater contribution was doctrinal: that is, the fact that the basic amphibious doctrines which carried Allied troops over every beachhead of WW II had been largely shaped - often in the face of uninterested or doubting military orthodoxy - by U.S. Marines, and mainly between 1922 and 1935.”

Doctrine must be Timely, Relevant, and Compelling



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The Reality

“Doctrine, the last refuge of the unimaginative.”

“Bold thinker; unrestrained by doctrine or process.”

Overcoming the Skeptic



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Overview

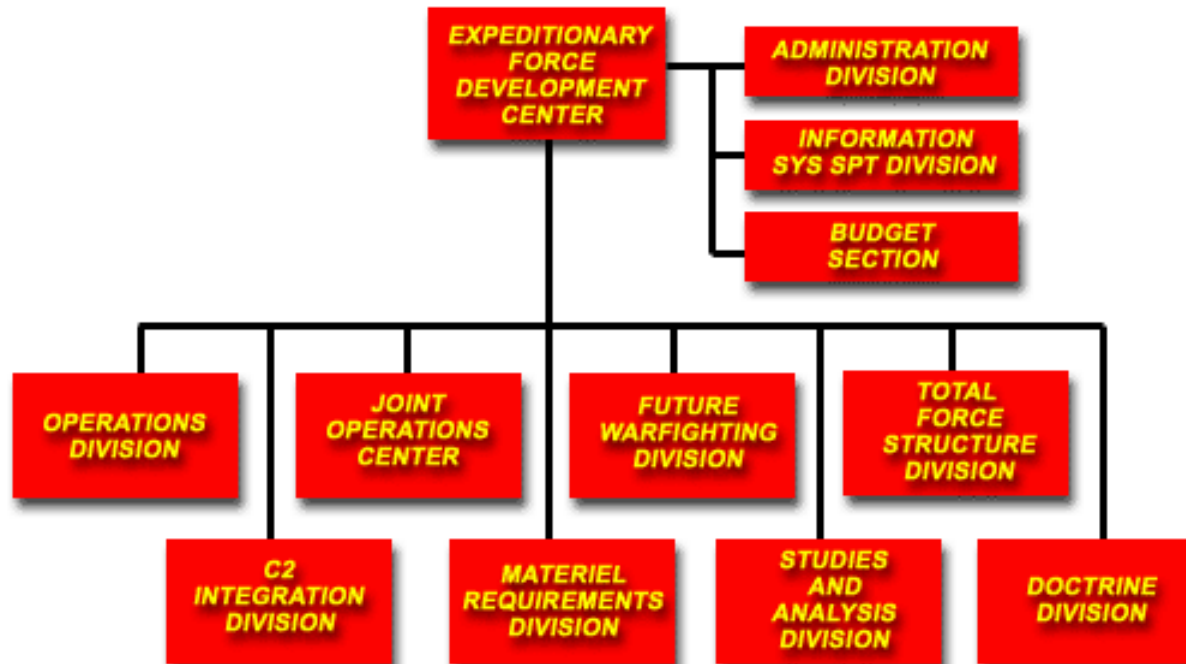
USMC Doctrine

- Challenges**
- Mission**
- Responsibilities**
- Origins**
- Methodology and Writing**
- Proponency**
- Production and Dissemination**



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Expeditionary Force Development Center, MCCDC



***We are a Concept Based
Requirement System***



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Challenge of Marine Corps Doctrine

**Remaining relevant in an era of accelerating
conceptual change.**

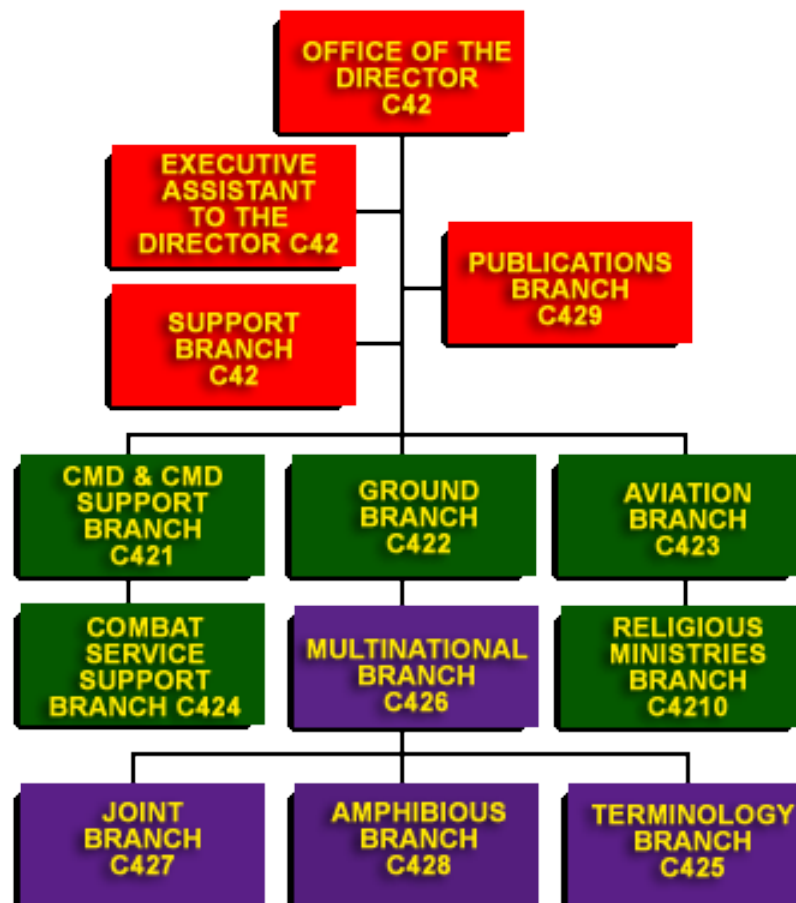
**Timely transition of concepts to Doctrine
through experimentation**

***Doctrine must be Timely, Relevant, and
Compelling***



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Challenge of Marine Corps Doctrine





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Mission of Marine Corps Doctrine Division

- **Coordinate development, publication and maintenance of Marine Corps service doctrine.**
- **Coordinate service input to the development, publication and maintenance of joint, multinational, multi-Service, and naval doctrine**
- **Participate in matters of standardization, terminology, and other combat development system processes.**



Marine Corps Doctrinal Responsibilities

- **Convert Marine Corps Concepts into Doctrine (MCDPs and MCWPs) and TTPs (MCRPs) for warfighting.**
- **Provide the foundation for instruction at all formal schools.**
- **Provide subject matter experts for Training & Education/Marine Corps University.**

Ensure doctrine is current and consistent

across all the warfighting



Marine Corps Doctrinal Responsibilities (cont)

- **Protects and advocates Marine Corps interests in Joint and NATO arenas:**
 - **Tenets of maneuver warfare.**
 - **Articulate the primacy of the MAGTF.**
 - **Appropriate employment of Marine air.**

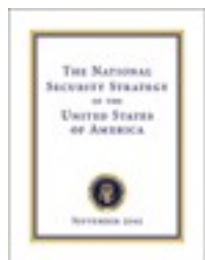
***Joint and NATO pubs will be written
with or without us.***



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Origins of Marine Corps Doctrine

- **Joint Vision and Joint Doctrine**
- **New Concepts and Equipment**
- **Experimentation and Exercises**
- **Functional Area Conferences and Professional Forums**
- **CMC Guidance**
- **Marine Corps Strategy 21**
- **Expeditionary Maneuver Warfare**
- **Universal Needs Statement (UNS)**



Strategy



Philosophy



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Vision



Strategy



EMW
Concept



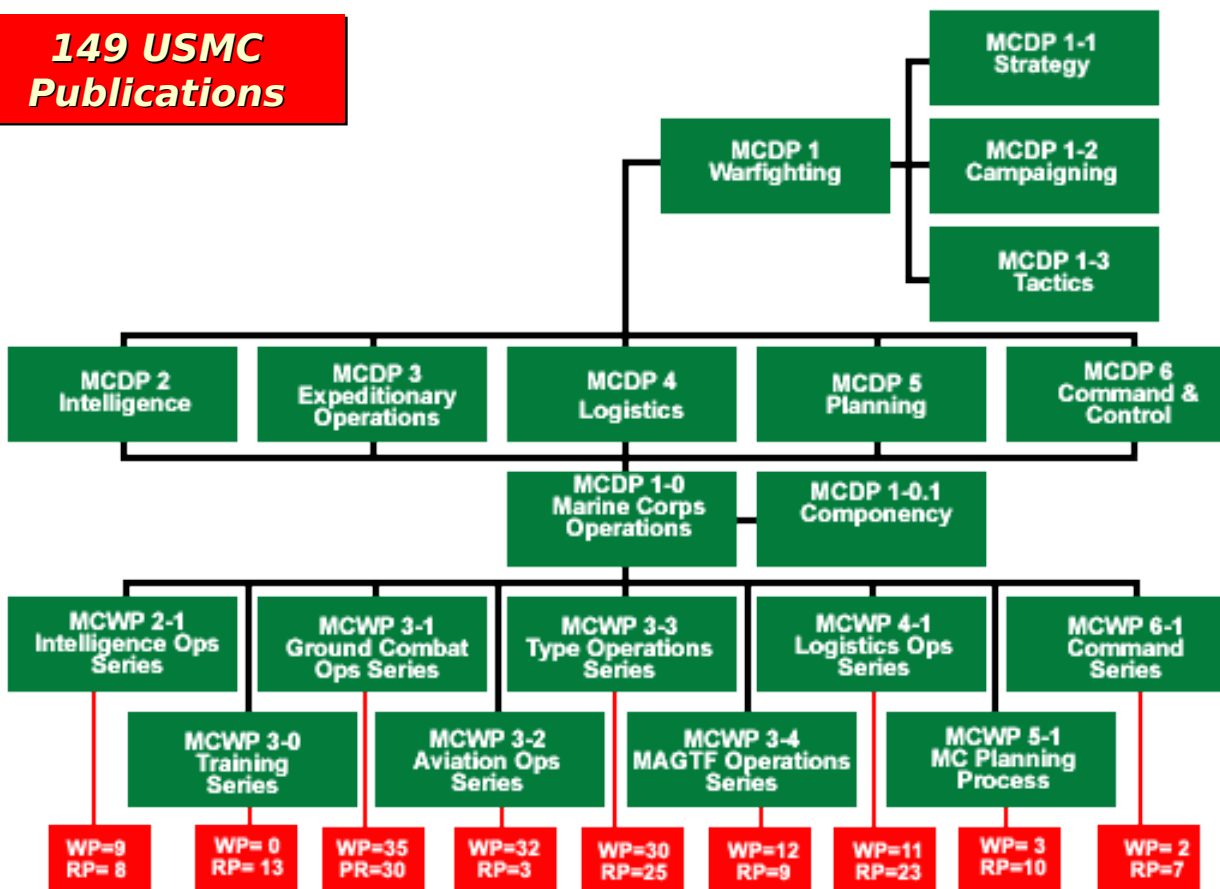
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Doctrine Hierarchy

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93 Dual-Designated Pubs

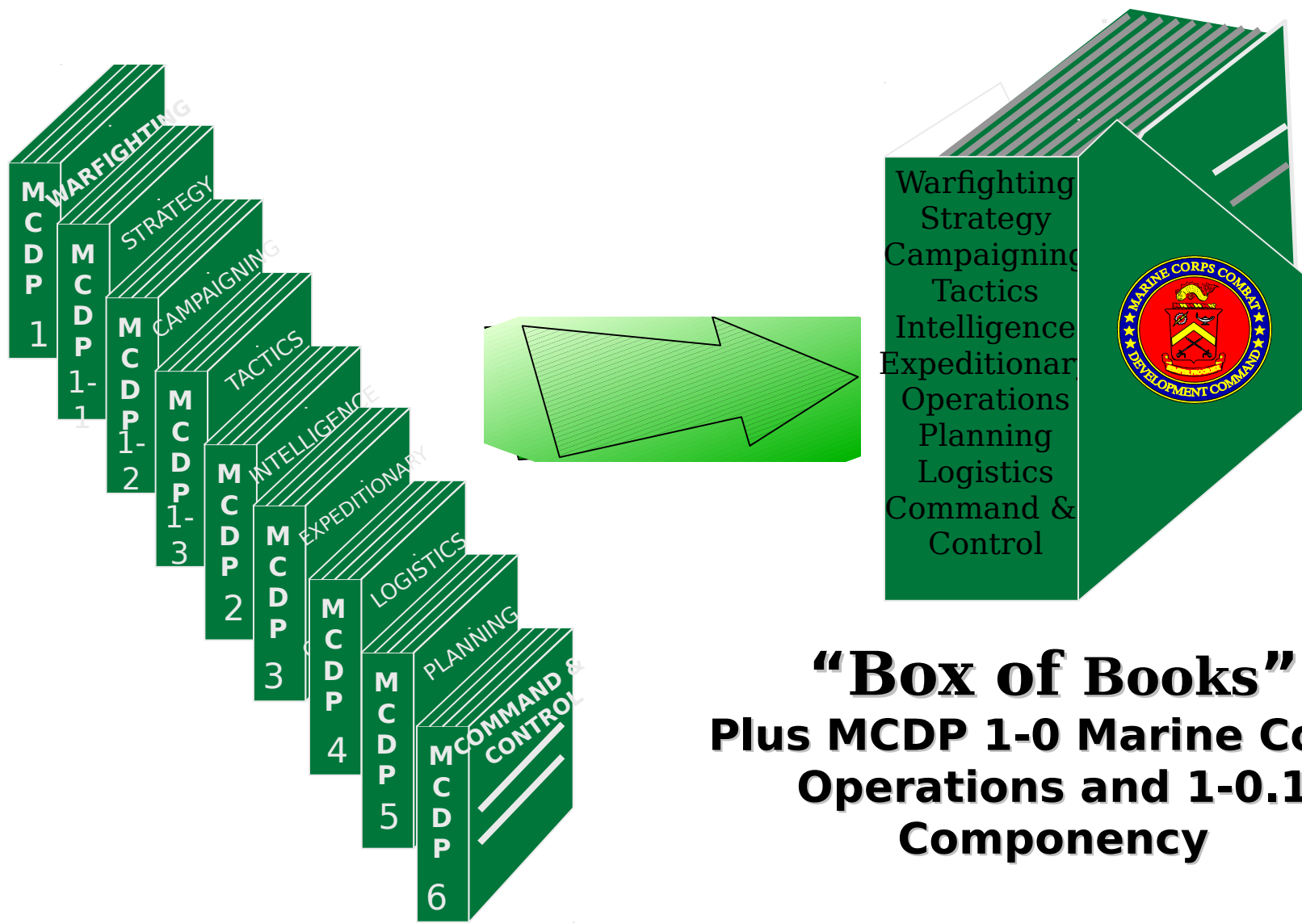
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Capstone Publications



**“Box of Books”
Plus MCDP 1-0 Marine Corps
Operations and 1-0.1
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The How of Marine Corps Doctrine

- **Doctrine Division writes MCDPs and some MCWPs, proponency writes the rest**
 - **In-house expertise/editors**
 - **Outside Experts--Contract support**
- **Proponency**
 - **Command and Command Support: MAGTF Staff Training Program**
 - **Logistics: Marine Corps Service Support School and Expeditionary Warfare Training Group Pacific/Atlantic**
 - **Aviation: Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics School/Marine Corps University/Expeditionary Warfare Training Group Atlantic**
 - **Ground: The Basic School/Infantry Officers Course**

***Doctrine Division + Proponency =
USMC Doctrine***



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Proponency Program

- **Subject matter expertise from Marine Corps Supporting Establishment.**
- **Responsible for the preparation, review, and periodic maintenance of a doctrinal publication.**
- **Proponency is ultimately supervised by the Doctrine Division**
- **Assignments are reviewed annually and updated in Marine Corps Bulletin 5603.**



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Proponent Tasking

- **Marine Corps Combat Development Command: EXECUTIVE AGENT**
- **Proponent-Action Officer Team**
 - **Links Training and Education closely with Doctrine**
- **Goals:**
 - **Capture best tactics, techniques, and procedures.**
 - **Consistency between school house and Doctrine**



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Production Timeline

- Publication Development Order
- Doctrinal need stated
- Concept Approved
- Author's research
- Chapter outline
- Author's Draft

- Incorporate Comments Received
- Review Board (if required)
- Final Draft

2 Months

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Publication Review Order
Preliminary Assessment
Determine validity of publication

6 Months

Coordinating Draft
development
Review by FMF (MARFORs/MEFs)

2 Months

Editing & Production
Approval/Signature
Printing/Distribution

and SME

Typical Production Time for a Publication

12-18 Months



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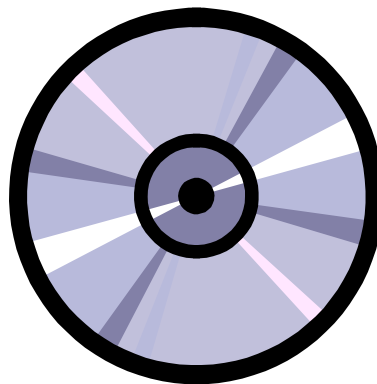
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Review
Cycle***

***Updated
Annually***

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Changes
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- MCWP 3-4 MAGTF Operations Series
- MCWP 5-1 Marine Corps Planning Process**

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